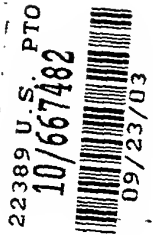


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and including attachments as noted below:

☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract
13 pages of specification and claims (including 8 numbered claims), and
0 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
RM99A000483	ITALY	28 07 1999
PCT/IT00/00313		25 07 2000

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

☒ Certified copy(ies) filed on January 3, 2002 in prior appln. no. 10/019,545 filed January 3, 2002

☐ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☒ This application is a ☐ continuation/☒ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/019,545, filed January 3, 2002, now U.S. Patent _____, which in turn is a §371 of PCT/IT00/00313 filed July 25, 2000, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

☒ The prior application is assigned to Sigma-Tau HealthScience S.p.A., Rome, Italy.

☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.

☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

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